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Thank you for your kind and friendly support this past year.



Left to right: Commissioners Pete Moore, Keith Babbe, John Norman, Roy Singletary and Mayor Ramon Horta

City of Pahokee

Oops - try again!

By Mike Lyons

A little bit cocky, a very thick skin and a good sense of humor - these three attributes, along with a strong background in meteorology, are essential for the successful meteorologist.

It is now obvious that Dr. William Gray, the nation's leading hurricane forecaster, is fully qualified.

No one has ever questioned Gray's meteorological background, his bold predictions or his legendary thick skin. After all, Gray does what many people thought was impossible - he predicts hurricanes months in advance.

What was unclear was Gray's sense of humor. That issue however, has now been settled. In his summary of the 1997 hurricane season, Gray takes the full blame for his dismal hurricane forecast. Gray had an admittedly awful year, predicting 11 named storms and six hurricanes. Yet, only seven storms formed this year with just three intensifying into hurricanes.

Gray pokes fun at himself and his "busted" forecast with a cartoon. It features Gray and his assistants sitting around a table dining on crow.

Researchers at the Weather Research Center in Houston should be enjoying filet mignon. While Gray had his forecasting problems in 1997, the folks in Houston were right



Mike Lyons

on the mark.

And, a review of the Weather Research Center's hurricane forecast history suggests that Gray, for the first time, may have some competition. Since 1985, the Center has been quietly making hurricane predictions, achieving an amazing accuracy rate of 85 percent.

This year was no exception. The Center's team correctly predicted the seven named storms that formed in the Atlantic basin, and only missed the number of actual hurricanes by one.

More impressive is the Research Center's accurate prediction of where a tropical cyclone will make landfall. This is an area that Gray has steered clear of, although he says he might issue landfall predictions as early as 1998.

The researchers in Houston, on the other hand, have been doing it successfully for years. This year, for example, the

Center said the coastline from Louisiana to Mississippi had the highest chance of experiencing a tropical storm or hurricane in 1997.

The Center's forecast was verified in July, when Hurricane Danny brought heavy rain to Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and western Florida.

This is not the first time the Center has accurately predicted where a storm would hit land. In the past 13 years, the Center's forecast has only missed the highest probability strike area twice. However, in both of those years, storms made landfall in the second highest probability strike area.

A comparison of the Center's predictions and Gray's forecasts for the past 12 years shows a surprisingly wide lead for the folks in Houston. The Weather Research Center has been correct eight times while Gray was more accurate on three occasions. In 1985 and 1995, the two forecast groups tied.

Gray has already put out his first forecast for the 1998 season, predicting nine named storms and five hurricanes. The folks in Houston will wait until April before issuing their forecast.

It is a forecast that is likely to garner a lot of attention.



GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S GLEE CLUB performed at the Dec. 9 meeting of the Belle Glade Rotary Club.



Holiday Greetings!

Wishing you a house full of happiness this holiday season.



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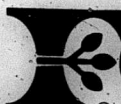
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HEALTH WATCH

Take time for yourself and gain a new perspective

By Paula Swaford, RN

Years ago I worked with a well-known artist who had an unusual habit of waking up at 4:00 a.m. When I asked him "why on earth anyone would elect to get up at that early hour?" he said, "That's MY time... time to do the things I want to do, time to give my creative juices flowing, before the wife and kids are awake and things get crazy."

Now as I have... ahem... matured somewhat, I can see why he did that. In the current best seller, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," author Richard Carlson, Ph.D. says the follow-

ing: "I have found that scheduling a little time each day as if it were an actual appointment is



Paula Swaford, RN

the only way to ensure that you will take some time for your self. You might become an early

riser, for example, and schedule one hour that is reserved for reading, praying, reflecting, meditating, yoga, exercise, or however you want to use the time. How you choose to use the time is up to you. The important thing is that you do schedule the time and that you stick to it."

Some people I know have even hired a baby-sitter on a regular basis to ensure that they have the chance to do the things they felt compelled to do.

A friend of mine, Mary Sue Mercado, who is in charge of community projects for Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest

Florida sent me a list from the Children's Defense Fund. This list entitled "Moments in America for Children" helps us to time in a greater perspective, I think.

"Tick, tock, tick, tock..." we hear the clock, every precious moment passing, especially during the holidays. We attempt to grasp every second we can to share it with friends and our closest family. As we put our feet up at the end of the day, resting our minds and bodies, we talk and share about our busy day and how we never have enough time. But have we ever stopped to think about

what really happened today?

Every 8 seconds a child drops out of school. Every 10 seconds a child is reported abused or neglected. Every 15 seconds a child is arrested. Every 24 seconds a child is born to an unmarried mother. Every 34 seconds a child is born into poverty. Every 48 seconds a child is born without health insurance. Every minute a child is born to a teen mother. Every 3 minutes a child is born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care. Every 4 minutes a child is arrested for drug abuse, every 5 minutes for a violent crime and an alcohol-

related offense. Every 17 minutes an infant dies. Every 92 minutes a child is killed by firearms, and every 2 hours a child is homicide victim.

The final one... every 4 hours a child commits suicide... somehow makes us sit back and reevaluate our "busy-ness" during the hectic holiday season.

Let us always remember what time passed really means to the children of the world. Somehow, we have to start making every moment count for something."

Until next time... stay informed and stay healthy.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CORNER

By Faye Brandenburg

If you are like most parents, you probably think of headaches as something kids give you, not something kids get. But research indicates that 50 to 70 percent of all school-age children have experienced a headache. "The causes of children's headaches are very similar to the causes of adult headaches," says Dr. Colazzo. "They get tension headaches, headaches associated with injury, illness or fever, and migraines." About 10 percent of children with headaches get chronic migraines.

All kinds of kids' headaches usually respond to the same treatments of adult headaches, such as over-the-counter pain relievers and warm compresses for the occasional headache. "Simple analgesics such as children's Tylenol are perfectly acceptable and effective for children's headaches," says Dr. Colazzo. Check the package directions for the correct dosage for your child's age and weight. If your child is under age two, consult your physician. Some kids like a warm cloth on their head, others like a cold cloth; keep the compress on for about 30 minutes, rewetting it as necessary.

Rest seems to be one of the most effective ways to reduce a headache. Many school nurses allow kids with headaches to lie down for half an hour. Often that is all that is necessary. They don't necessarily have to go to sleep, just half an hour of lying quietly can help. Like adults, kids with tension headaches can often find relief by reducing stress. If your child is stressed out, relaxing massages might help. If the muscles around the scalp or temples are tender, gently rubbing them can be helpful.

Make sure your child does not skip meals, especially break-

fast, which is the most important one. Going all day without eating is a good way to get a headache or aggravate one you already have. In some susceptible children, headaches are triggered by certain things they eat, such as chocolate, peanuts, processed meat and aged cheese. If you think you have uncovered a connection between the headaches and certain food, have your child avoid the food for a while and see what happens.

Some kids' headaches have emotional rather than food triggers. By charting not just your child's headaches, but also his moods and activities for several days or weeks, you can sometimes see a pattern. For example, headaches may occur just before tests in school, or after arguments. If no dietary or emotional triggers are identified after a few weeks of charting, you may want to broaden the scope of your search, like weather factors, sleep patterns... anything you can possibly think of.

Though rare, headaches can sometimes be symptoms of a serious problem such as an injury, meningitis, a brain tumor or bleeding in the brain. You should call your child's doctor if your child's headache is accompanied by a fever, vomiting, stiff neck, lethargy or confusion. If the headache follows an injury or occurs in the morning, accompanied by nausea, or if the headache increases in severity over the course of a day or from one day to the next, see your physician. If the headaches interfere with school or other activities, or is restricted to one side of the head or brought on by a sneeze or cough, see your physician.

As always, when in doubt, see your physician and remember, children are special.

Congress must crack down on Medicare cheats

By U.S. Senator Bob Graham

Look up a medical testing center in Medicare's financial records and you are likely to find hundreds of thousands of dollars in charges. Visit that clinic and you'll be lucky to find a doctor, trained medical staff, testing equipment, and the Medicare patients whose supposed treatments are being bought and paid for with your tax dollars.

Sounds unbelievable? It's not. Thanks to scams like this, Medicare loses up to \$26 billion each year to fraud and abuse. That's enough money to provide health coverage to an additional two million people annually. Our efforts to improve this important health care program for current recipients and preserve it for future generations of Americans must begin with an all-out assault on criminals who would cheat Medicare.

Last August, Congress took some important first steps toward immunizing Medicare against charlatans looking to make a quick buck.

Because federal agencies have traditionally targeted fraud only after it has been

committed, cheats have long found it easy to steal from Medicare. Far too often, fly-by-night operators exploit lax screening procedures and sign up as equipment or service operators, drain financial resources, and run, with federal officials hot on their heels. A better approach would be to tighten access to Medicare's blood supply in the first place. Congress now requires that prospective Medicare contractors put a \$50,000 "surety" bond before taking part in the program.

The results of mandating money up front speak for themselves. Since Florida implemented a similar requirement for its Medicare program in 1993, con men have scattered like cockroaches fleeing an exterminator. The number of medical equipment suppliers has dropped by 62 percent; home health agencies have decreased by 41 percent. This sharp decline in cheats is projected to save Florida more than \$192 million in the next two years. That's a powerful indication of the enormous financial savings that could be reaped if Medicare mandated

similar good-faith payments nationwide.

Minimizing Medicare abuse also means harshly punishing those who are caught spreading the epidemic. Unfortunately, the federal government is often prevented from attacking cheats where it hurts the most—in the pocketbook. This summer, Congress enacted new rules that would give prosecutors the freedom to see, and judges the latitude to impose, big civil fines for a variety of fraudulent activities. That's good news because it is easier to prove fraud in civil cases than it is to seek justice in a criminal case.

These were good first steps. But curing Medicare of fraud and abuse isn't possible unless we first treat some of the infirmities slowing down our anti-fraud efforts. Far too often, the war against health care cheats is disrupted by turf wars, jurisdictional disputes, and officials working at cross-purposes. That only serves to empower those criminals who would steal from the Medicare program. It is critical that we make federal agents, staff officials, and local leaders part-

niers rather than rivals.

In the interest of ensuring a more coordinating, deliberate, and focused effort against Medicare fraud and abuse, I recently introduced a plan that would direct more federal resources to problem areas and bring federal, state, and local law enforcement and health officials together into a united anti-fraud strike force.

Fraud accounts for nearly ten percent of all national Medicare expenditures each year. In Florida, that percentage is closer to fifteen percent, and South Florida suffers from a staggering twenty percent loss of funds. This latter statistic is one reason that I have proposed that South Florida host the prototype for this aggressive, anti-fraud effort.

Current Medicare recipients and future generations of seniors are counting on us to stop con men, charlatans, and criminals from robbing Medicare blind. By once again focusing on this issue when it returns to work in January, the 105th Congress can give new life to a program that ably serves millions of Americans.

Herbs grow on consumers

There is a promising trend among consumers: they're turning to herbal supplements as a means of preventive health care.

Why is that promising? Because it means that more people today are taking an active role in their health and nutrition.

When visiting the local drug, food or discount store, consumers find a large array of products for sale. Here's a list of some of this year's hottest herbs to take the mystery out of knowing which ones to buy.

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Kudos to the Raiders

"I would like to say 'Thank You' to the Glades Central Raiders. You guys had a great season. Maybe next year!"

Can you help me?

"I have a question and maybe you can tell me where to direct my question. I want to know if the turning lane coming from Main Street (on S.R. 715 and Avenue E) right there at the K-County is a turning lane or is it a straight road? I've almost been hit twice there. If you can give me an answer for that, I'm sure a lot of people would like to know."

If there isn't, is there any way we can get a turning lane there? Thank you."

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Michael Miller responds: "The answer to your question is no. It is not a turning lane. However, it should be. I will work with the Florida Department of Transportation to accomplish this task. Thank you for your concern."

Think twice before voting for tax increase to support schools

"I'm calling in regard to the Dec. 18 Speak Out. I too would like to know why Royal Palm schools should be balanced by busing. Hey, does anyone out there know anything about the schools here in the Glades?"

Why doesn't the state and the school board open their eyes and try to help with the schools here. Are our children here not as important as the kids in West Palm Beach?"

They sure want our tax dollars to pay for the schools, increases to build more schools and classrooms, etc. So, in return, they should worry about our schools in the Glades. We in the Glades are kind of like the forgotten continent and we all just accept it and sit back and let it happen to us. I think we should invite the school board out here to visit and walk through Belle Glade Elementary, Glades Central, Lake Shore, Glade View and even Gove. They should look at the so-called balance that we do have. I think we should all think twice before we vote for a school tax again. Thank you very much."



"MY DISHWASHER HAS NEVER BROKEN DOWN."

Letter to the editor

Wildlife habitat in the Glades

Dear Editor:

While driving around the lake (Lake Okechobee), have you noticed just how bare the area on the Hoover Dike is now that the Australian Pines and Melaleuca trees have been eliminated from our delicate wild creature habitat? What's next?

I spoke with Tambour Elar, in the Army Corps of Engineers' office in Clewiston. She is the "High Ranger" in charge of the lake area properties, which are again being manipulated by this government agency (remember the Kissimmee River). It seems that there was no enacted plan to re-plant the areas which were decimated in the name of progress.

The equivalent of multiple dozens of acres of natural cover and protection for our precious birds and fur-bearing animals, in their eyes, simply disappeared in the passing of a very few weeks. The remnants of these trees is piled 75 feet high next to the Osceola Sugar Mill power plant. The plant is closed until the monetary atmosphere is conducive to a huge buy-out and the profit-taking from the largest bond default in the history of the state of Florida. The profit from the cutting down of the trees in question has yet to be received by the Army Corps. It seems this government agency has yet to be paid for the acquisition of this fuel wood. And the birds stand in bewilderment as to where to sit.

Tambour told me the long range plans call for planting indigenous varieties, including Oak,

Cypress, and Custard Apple in place of these suspect, exotics which also include the Brazilian Pepper.

Personally, I wish the Corps would start right away to remove the Maiden cane which was brought in to stabilize the disturbed soils around the dike and on the railways which pass across our jello-like muck soil.

Have you noticed that since the rainy and windy spell we had earlier in December, the Eagles' nest on U.S. 27 on the dike at Bean City is no longer visible from the road? I believe this is due to the fact that it is now resting flat on the ground. The trees were, by law, left for a mile in both directions from the nest at the time of harvest. Cutting down the forest which surrounded the lake probably had nothing to do with the Eagles' nest falling. It was in a dead tree.

I am principally a positive thinker. So, I am now looking at the shore of the lake with a high level of optimism for the year 1999. This is the year the Corps plan to start planting back the forest ring around the "big lake."

The buzzard rook that used to be located over the "hill" in South Bay has moved to several locations all over the Glades residence areas. The one that fascinates me is located on the road to Gove Elementary School, in some poor soul's back yard.

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UF researcher wants to put mosquitoes on a diet

By Cindy Spence
University of Florida News

Dov Borovsky wants to put mosquitoes on a diet.

Under the Borovsky three-day diet plan, legions of anorexic little buzzers would just starve to death. And that's exactly the idea.

The University of Florida scientist says a mosquito "diet pill" he has perfected alters mosquito digestion, making it impossible for them to feed, lay eggs or survive.

As a mosquito control breakthrough, the diet pill could save lives.

"We hope this can stop the advance of malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases," said Borovsky, an insect biochemical and molecular biologist at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, a part of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "It works on all mosquitoes, all over the world."

In the mosquito control war, mosquitoes are winning. There are more than 3,000 species of mosquitoes.

Worldwide, mosquito-borne diseases infect about 700 million people each year and kill 3 million, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

But the diet pill, which could be on the market within a year, is a promising new weapon, not only because it is wickedly effective but because it also is safe for the environment.

And this diet plan is no secret. Borovsky is quite willing to share his recipe for mosquito death.

First, take 160,000 mosquito ovaries, dried and crushed into a powder that contains their digestive control hormone.

From the nearest pool or pond, scrape off the green scum, also known as chlorella, an algae. Insert the hormone into the chlorella, make it into a pill, then place the pill into any water body where mosquitoes are known to breed. Then watch the larvae feast on the chlorella. Famine follows.

Borovsky said when he first pulled out mosquito ovaries, homogenized them and inserted them back into mosquitoes, he found that the mosquitoes produced no more eggs.

"So at first we thought we had a birth control pill," Borovsky said. "But then we found that the reason they were not producing eggs was because they were not digesting, so then we knew we had a diet pill, not a birth control pill."

"Fortunately, now we can synthesize the hormone, so we don't have to use 100,000 ovaries for each batch anymore," Borovsky said.

The synthesized hormone is inexpensive, as is chlorella, which is found and produced worldwide.

Chlorella, in fact, turns out to be the perfect ride for the mosquito hormone, because it can be freeze-dried and stored for long periods and then brought back to life as the deadly-diet pill.

The mosquito fen-phen is benign environmentally. Unlike DDT and some other pesticides, it does not alter the environment in any way, except for poisoning the larval lunch. Mosquitoes that feed on the hormone-laced chlorella starve to death within 72 hours.

"This is a natural bullet that we can use in the environment

because the hormone doesn't stay in the environment," Borovsky said. "The chlorella stops producing the hormone within three weeks."

That's by design, Borovsky said. If the hormone were incorporated into the chlorella genome and chlorella continued to produce the hormone, making it omnipresent in the environment, mosquitoes could become resistant to it. But the hormone sits outside the genome, and after the third division of the chlorella it no longer can be detected.

Of course, Borovsky points out, if mosquitoes become resistant to their own reproductive hormone that could have unknown adverse consequences for them as well.

"We have to stay a step ahead of them or outsmart them all over again," Borovsky said.

In the decade since he began work on the pill, Borovsky has made believers out of even the most ardent doubters.

"Ten years ago, everybody was laughing at us, but now they are taking us seriously," Borovsky said. "Eight years ago, at a Vancouver meeting, a colleague harshly criticized this work. He just did not believe it."

The next step, Borovsky says, is to develop diet pills for infamous agricultural pests. Current methods to keep agricultural pests from molting fall short of protecting crops, Borovsky said.

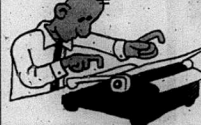
"A pest that doesn't molt but still feeds is still a problem," Borovsky said. "By putting the diet pill into the crop or into the plant, the insect feeds and then dies before it takes its next meal."

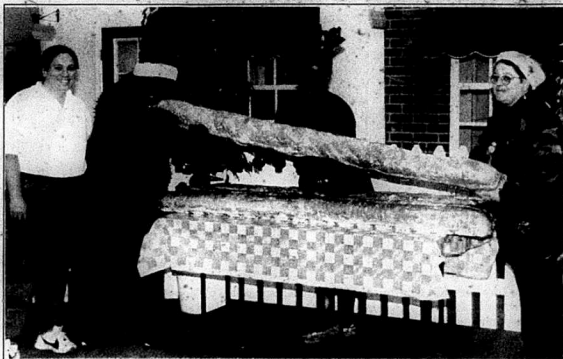
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A GIGANTIC MEAL...Larry's Giant Subs of Belle Glade donated several 6-foot subs for the Foster Parent Association of Palm Beach County children's party last week. Shown, from left are Jackie Shuey (gorilla), Nancy Shuey, manager of Larry's Giant Subs, Gwenette Royal, parent liaison with the Foster Parent Association, and Barbara Ramsay, with the Foster Parents Association.

Generous Pahokee businessman provides dinner for seniors

Local business owner, Eddie Honeycutt of Video Movies and Printing in Pahokee, provided dinner to more than 200 people on Dec. 22 at First United Methodist Church. In addition, full dinners were delivered to many families in need. Mr. Honeycutt sold Fraser Fir Christmas trees and used the proceeds to pay for the dinner. Others contributed as well. "There are so many folks who

helped out, but there are some I would especially like to thank publicly for going the extra mile," said Honeycutt.

"Millie of Millie's Produce helped to sell the trees and donated her time: Winn-Dixie (Manny Rodriguez, Jill Wilson, and Lorraine Key) provided the prepared food at a reasonable price: we had great volunteers who served the food and helped to provide the event;

Pastor Delbert King and the First United Methodist Church allowed us to use their fellowship hall, helped serve and clean-up; and thanks to all who bought their trees at home making this dinner possible."

The Pahokee Chamber thinks Mr. Honeycutt also deserves thanks for bringing a wonderful Christmas dinner to many who may not have otherwise had one.

Santa arrives at Pahokee Youth Center

Who says Christmas is just for children? Try telling that to 350 teen-age boys at the Pahokee Youth Development Center. Besides their Adopt-A-Pod parents bringing them Christmas goodies, they sang traditional carols, decorated their very own tree in each of their living units, and parents were invited to share the Christmas

day meal. A special treat was a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who arrived with a bag full of gifts and personally handed one to each resident.

"The staff set out to make Christmas a very special time for every resident," said Alice Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator. "Many of these young men have received more atten-

tion and care this Christmas from the facility staff and community volunteers than they've had in years."

Organizations, churches and clubs are needed to donate their time to mentor a young man. Volunteers who are interested are asked to call Mrs. Thompson at 924-5922, Ext. 256.

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mandates a stepped-up program of research to determine a numerical standard for phosphorus in waters entering the Everglades.

If for whatever reason, a numerical standard is not adopted by December 31, 2003, then the standard will automatically be set at 10 ppb. If the projects and programs that the act requires do not succeed in meeting an ultimate phosphorus standard, then the act calls for a "Phase 2 program" to be put in place to ensure that water quality is met by 2006. (It should be noted, however, that Phase 2 is not defined or even described in the act. Now, as then, there is little understanding of what alternative technologies a Phase 2 program might entail.)

In response to the argument that the Everglades Forever Act did not go far enough in factoring farming interests, the legislature had to factor in that the Everglades Construction Project goes well beyond the clean-up of pollution caused by sugar farms. The latest water quality data indicate that farming activities within the EAA will account for only 47% of the phosphorus to be treated by the Stormwater Treatment Areas. The remaining 53% will come from urban stormwater, Lake Okeechobee and Hendry County. And, at the time the Act was passed, at least \$92 million of the costs associated with the Everglades Construction Project were attributable to hydroperiod improvements and flood control in suburban West Palm Beach.

In short, much of the expense of the Everglades Construction Project is directly related to correcting the deficiencies of a federal public works project that for forty years has choked off the water supply to the Everglades.

The legislature had to determine what agriculture's fair share of the project would be. It did so by adopting the cost allocation for EAA farmers that was agreed upon by the federal government; the State of Florida and the water management district as a result of a sixteen-month-long mediation process.

The farmer's fair share was determined to be that expense related to pollution abatement within the EAA. The cost allocation formula included an incentive program to encourage farmers to maximize clean-up on their own property. This approach was supported by the Chiles administration and the federal government. At a Tallahassee press conference in March 1994, Lt. Governor Buddy Mackay and Assistant Secretary of Interior George Framp-ton urged passage of the Everglades Forever Act. In response to the fair share issue, Framp-ton responded:

If we litigate this issue for five or six years and win, what do we hope to recover as the industry's share for that portion of the plan that relates to water quality clean-up?

Next week: What is the farming industry's share of the clean up?

South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made six arrests, gave 55 citations, 11 written warnings, handled 16 offenses, four incidents, 66 misc incidents and three accidents the week of December 22-27. Those arrested included:

December 23 - George Frank Simms, 47, simple battery; **Beverly Simms, 32,** simple battery; **Melvin J. Weston Jr., 19,** petty theft.

December 24 - Carrie Lee Green, 47, throwing a deadly missile.

December 25 - No arrests made.

December 26 - Carl Powell, 39, aggravated battery; **Trafiori Maurice Bailey, 20,** picked up on an active warrant.

December 27 - No arrests made.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made three arrests the week of December 22-28. Those arrested included:

December 22 - No arrests made.

December 23 - Gus Butler Jr., 36, warrant for violation of probation.

December 24 - No arrests made.

December 25 - Bernard Jones, 34, petty theft and obstructing police.

December 26 - No arrests made.

December 27 - John Summers, 41, attempted first degree murder with a firearm.

December 28 - No arrests made.

Crimestoppers



Alonzo Lebron White

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Alonzo Lebron White**, who is wanted for burglary with assault or battery. White also goes by the alias "Dardin White." He is a black male, 5' 9" tall weighing 180 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and a tattoo on his right arm. His date of birth is January 23, 1958. His Social

Security Number is 414-96-9326 and he is at large. His last occupation was as a carpenter. His warrant was active as of December 22, 1997.

If you know the whereabouts of **White**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 753 complaints, worked 18 crime scenes and gave 35 traffic citations the week of December 22-28. Those arrested included:

December 22 - Willie Bush, 21, gambling with cards/dice; **Juvenile 13,** contempt of court; **Saul Rivera, 24,** domestic battery; **Juan O'Farrell, 27,** domestic battery.

December 23 - James Spear, 28, contempt of court; **Charlie Simmons Jr., 18,** trespassing after warning; **Alfredo Ramirez, 25,** battery; **Martin Garcia, 21,** battery; **Ruben Alcalá, 21,** battery; **Juvenile 17,** battery.

December 24 - Kenneth Simmons, 39, aggravated domestic battery; **Julio Acosta, 31,** opposing and obstructing police and resisting arrest without violence; **Ryan Willis, 21,** attempted first degree murder; **Jean Sanon, 24,** contempt of court.

December 25 - Michael Slaughter, 22, failure to comply; **Charlie Simmons Jr., 18,** home invasion robbery.

December 26 - Anthony Brown, 29, two counts of failure to appear; **Curly Rapi-no, 25,** two counts of failure to

appear; **Franklin Perry, 38,** child abuse; **Charles Daniels II, 21,** attempt to illegally kill or injure an alligator and possession of a short-barreled shotgun.

December 27 - Marvin Cox, 20, two counts of contempt of court; **Tremaine Carrigan, 20,** possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell; **Jesus Perez, 20,** grand theft, dealing in stolen property and failure to appear; **Annie Faye Grant, 36,** failure to appear; **Tarsh Graham, 23,** aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; **Janice**

McLeod, 30, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

December 28 - Juvenile, 14, petty theft; **Juvenile, 13,** armed robbery; **Juvenile, 10,** armed robbery; **Juvenile, 12,** armed robbery.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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The staff of **The Sun** newspaper wishes everyone a **Happy New Year.**

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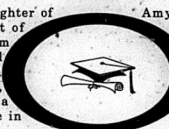
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Prescott graduates with Bachelors from University of Central Florida

Amy Nicole Prescott, daughter of Paul and Brenda Prescott, of Belle Glade, graduated from the University of Central Florida in Orlando on Saturday, December 20, 1997 where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.



Amy graduated from Glades Day School in 1993 and attended Florida State University for two years where she received an AA degree and was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority before transferring to UCF to complete her education.

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Rev. J.P. Field - Pastor 962-7678

BELLE GLADE ALLIANCE CHURCH
425 Canal St. North
Rev. Lloyd G. Green

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF BELLE GLADE
Rev. Robert Munk

CHOSEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
N.W. Ave. G & Hwy. 71
Bernie Dixon - Pastor

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CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST NO. 1
732 W. Ave. C Place
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CHURCH OF GOD OF BELLE GLADE
Rev. Bert Browning

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
671 S.E. 12th St.
Joan Ingram - Pastor

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (MORMON)
601 N.E. Ave. A
Ramon Palomo-Branch Pres.

CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH
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Elder James C. Hall-Pastor

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Pastor Ralph Banks

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Rev. Richard Arndt

ST. PHILIP BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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CANAL POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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252 Balcon Point Rd.
Rev. Don Shuler - Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Rev. Daggett D. King



Glades Day School's Computer III/IV students traveled to Sign-A-Rama in Clewiston to learn the process of sign making using computers. Sign-A-Rama's staff demonstrated the complete process of making signs, from starting the initial order to designing and finishing the sign. At the end of the tour, owner Ken Alford presented a custom-designed sign (shown in photo) to the class. "The tour was very informative and interesting," said computer teacher Marion Primer. "It gave our students the opportunity to see first-hand how computers are used in this business." She has also planned computer field trips to other area businesses for later in the school year.

Pahokee Sorority News

Members of the XI Beta Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held their monthly meeting at the home of Lynda Moss in Pahokee on Dec. 4.

Plans were made for our fund raising to bake and sale large Valentine cookies. Be sure not to miss getting one for your loved one...also, we took Christmas treats, made pop corn and sang Christmas carols to our "adopted pod" at the Pahokee Youth Development Center on December 22.

The program, presented by Sandy Simonson and Maria Mills, was a very animated story of the grinch who stole Christmas. Secret sisters were revealed, gifts were exchanged and new names drawn for the new year ahead. A delicious array of refreshments was provided by Linda Stanley.

Attending the meeting were the following: Frances Adams, Mirtha Graydon, Jo Hatton, Kay Korbly, Joann Law, Onaida Milliron, Maria Mills, Lynda Moss, Tina Provenza, Amy Schenck, Sandy Simonson, Linda Stanley and Carlene Walker.

The December social was held on December 6 in Wellington at the home of Bernie & Carlene Walker. In the Christmas atmosphere the delicious food and good friendship was shared by: Mirtha & Ronnie Graydon, Day & Dick Korbly, Joann & Ken Law, Onaida & Dennis Milliron, Maria Mills, Amy & Ken Schenck, Sandy & David Simonson and Carlene & Bernie Walker.

Obituaries - Week of January 1, 1998

Louise Elizabeth Cooper, of Pahokee, died Friday afternoon, December 26th, in the Everglades Regional Medical Center, Pahokee.

She was born on June 9, 1913, in Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Cooper was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Madison, Georgia. She had made her home in Pahokee for a number of years.

Miss Cooper was Supervisor of operating rooms at several hospitals including Tamp Municipal, Clearwater's Morton Plant, and Good Samaritan in West Palm Beach. She was also administrator at a Lutheran Hospital in Fort Morgan, Colorado, and others in Livingston, Montana, and Mesa, Arizona. She retired and came to Pahokee, where she worked for three years as RN on night duty at Everglades Memorial Hospital.

Miss Cooper was a member of several civic clubs in the towns where she worked. She was listed in the World Who's Who of Women in 1973. She was preceded in death by a brother, S.H. Cooper of Valrico, Florida.

She is survived by one brother - W.M. Cooper of San Diego, California; three sisters - Edna Cooper Adams of Lincoln, Alabama, Geraldine Cooper Atkins of Roebuck, South Carolina, and Jimmie Cooper Lamb of Lantana.

The funeral service will be Friday morning, January 2nd, at 11 O'clock at the graveside in Port Mayaca Memorial Park. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church will officiate.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, has charge of the arrangements.

Herman Hendrix, age 79, retired Pahokee business and community leader, died Tuesday evening, December 23rd, at his residence following an extended illness.

A native of Freeny, Mississippi, he was born on March 18, 1918, son of Cortez Claborn Hendrix and Betty Lyle Hendrix. He attended Decatur Junior College and Mississippi State and had taught school in the Choctaw County, Mississippi, schools. He was an Eagle Scout and had served as Field Executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Mississippi. He and his late wife, Marie, operated Hendrix's Dry Goods in Bassfield, Mississippi, prior to moving to Belle Glade in 1958. They established Will's Hardware in Belle Glade and in 1959 they purchased Jones Hardware on Bacom Point Road in Pahokee. They later sold the Belle Glade store and continued to operate the Pahokee store as Hendrix Hardware until their retirement in 1987.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the United States Army in Europe with the Dixie Division. For meritorious service on the battlefield, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and attended the Engineer's Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Croix de Guerre which was given to those who participated in the liberation of France and Belgium. He was a firm member of the Board of Everglades Memorial Hospital and a former member of both the Rotary and Lions Clubs. An active member of the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee, he had served on various committees and was a member of the choir for many years. He was married on July 7, 1942, to Marie C. Hendrix who preceded him in death on April 11, 1991.

Surviving are Hendrix Perkins and his wife Monica of Merritt Island; daughter - Lynda Moss and Husband Donald of Pahokee; sisters - Helen Hutchison and Louise

Miller of Carthage, Mississippi; grandchildren - Pamela Perkins Johnson and husband J.O. of Alexandria, Virginia, Deborah Marie Ban Ore and husband Andy of Raebuck, Todd Andrew Perkins and wife Holly of Daytona Beach, Donny Moss, Donna Marie Moss, and Deidre Lynn Moss all of Pahokee; great grandchildren - Hendrix Olin Johnson of Alexandria, Virginia, and Wyatt Andrew Perkins of Daytona Beach.

The funeral service was Friday, December 26, at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. The Rev. Delbert King, pastor, and the Rev. Charles Weaver officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Park. Serving as active pallbearers were: Mike Dobrow, Dennis Milliron, Byron Hatton, John Bush, John Normand, Gene Hingson, Dale Morris, and Dennis Crady. Serving as honorary pallbearers were: Eddie Bonwell, Vince Bush, Hugh Branch, Pete Moore, Donnell Jarrell, Dick Korbly, Buddy Lampi, Lewis Pope, Jr., Don Thompson, David Simonson, Lewis Friend, Bernie Walker, Paul Hager, Dutch Milliron, Milton Salvatore, Frank Gillis, Steve Baumgartner, Charles Jernigan, and Lloyd Hundley.

Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Herman and Marie Hendrix Scholarship Fund, c/o Boynton Farms, 135 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee, or the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

Mildred "Billie" Smith, age 60, of Vidalia, GA, died Dec. 17, 1997.

A long-time Pahokee resident, she had made her home on 14th Street prior to moving to Vidalia four years ago. She was employed by the B.P. Time Saver in Vidalia and was of the Baptist faith. She was married April 27, 1953, to the J.D. Smith who preceded her in death on March 25, 1992.

She is survived by sons - Joe David Smith of Lyons, GA, Johnny McQueen Smith and J.D. Smith, Jr. both of Brunswick, MN; sisters - Desi Chapman of Morganton, NC, Fern Smith of Clyde, NC, and Alma Watson of Tusculusa, AL; brothers - Tillman Eugene Shelton, Jerry Shelton, and Nathan Shelton all of Morganton, NC; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted Dec. 22, at the graveside in Port Mayaca Park, with the Rev. Jimmons officiating.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

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after two popular Glades youth, Jeffrey Brooker, 19, and Brian Harrelle, 20, died in a car crash on Blinks Forest Road in West Palm Beach.

Great Lakes Chemicals announced they were closing their doors in 60 days. Great Lakes employed 70 people.

April 3, 1997 - Three Pahokee men led police on a high speed chase after robbing a bank in Clewiston. 25 miles later the men overturned their car near Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade; all three were in custody by the following afternoon.

Edward A. Duda, chief executive officer of A. Duda & Sons, Inc., received *The Packer's* 1996 "Produce Man of the Year" award in late February at the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association's annual convention in Orlando.

April 10, 1997 - Preparations were being made for Belle Glade's Black Gold Jubilee which was held the following weekend.

Palm Beach County Health Care Special Taxing District CEO Cecil Bennett had assumed the position of administrator of Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade. At a board meeting on April 8 he said that the hospital would go by the name, Palm Beach Health Care District, doing business as Glades General Hospital.

April 17 - United States Sugar Corporation has received two awards for having the highest sugar yields per acre in its sugar cane farming operations. The awards are presented each year as part of Clewiston's Sugar Festival, an annual post-harvest celebration.

April 24 - On Wednesday, April 22, Director and Coordinator of Pahokee Main Street, Shirley Jarriel went before Pahokee's City Commission to ask for funds to purchase banners and other items to help celebrate Pahokee's 75th Anniversary.

The Commission voted and approved funding but also asked that Pahokee Main Street not hold off on fund raising.

May 1 - A police officer with 14 years experience in law enforcement has been chosen to head up South Bay's Police Department. Danny Jones, 32, a former Lieutenant for the Pahokee Police Department, was hired last week.

May 8 - "Now I feel good about paying the 'house bill' because I know the money is going to my family's future," says one resident who will be moving to his new home soon.

Ribbon cutting for nine new low income homes is this morning at 561 S.W. 10th Street, Belle Glade. Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc., a not for profit Community Development

Corporation, will host the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.

May 15 - Police and the Division of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Fire Arms conducted a joint operation into the illegal sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors. They had received complaints from parents and anonymous tipsters that adults were selling beer to underage drinkers.

They arrested five adults for either selling or giving alcohol to minors...one as young as 14. A new faculty administrator has been selected at the Pahokee Youth Development Center. Inger Cheves, a Pahokee native, has accepted the position, effective immediately. She replaces Michael Higgins, who resigned after seven months as the administrator.

May 22 - Glades General Hospital has a new Chief Executive Officer at the helm. Gene Faile came on board Monday and will direct the 73-bed medical/surgical hospital, which has a staff of approximately 300.

A nineteen-year-old man is in critical condition after falling off the gym roof at Glades Day School on Gator Blvd., Belle Glade, while replacing sheet metal.

Jose Roblero of West Palm Beach fell approximately 50 feet to the gym floor on Friday, May 16 while attempting to pull back a piece of sheet metal from the roof.

May 29 - Belle Glade philanthropic couple Homer and Dolly Hand were honored May 22 with the Heartland Award. Governor Lawton Chiles and first lady Rhea Chiles presented the award to the Hands during a luncheon at the cultural arts center named for Mrs. Hand.

Coastal residents often ask where they can buy fresh produce in the Glades. The answer will be coming soon, if a local organization has its way.

The Glades Green Market Group, sponsored by the Glades Development Corporation's Glades Guild, will be opening a farmer's market Oct. 25, 1997 in front of the old Glades Central Community High School.

June 5 - Minister Benjamin F. Muhammad, a former National Director of the NAACP and the Million Man March held in Washington, D.C., paid Belle Glade a visit as a part of his National Revival Tour.

Community leaders in Pahokee want Glades residents to make plans now to attend Pahokee's "75th on the 4th" celebration on Friday, July 4.

June 12 - Belle Glade can always use more good housing and now there's 27 new rental

units in town. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 4 at Osceola Center to open 27 new units consisting of four, one bedroom homes, 20, two-bedroom rentals, two, three bedroom and one, four-bedroom house as well as a day care facility. Eighteen older homes were demolished to make room for the new units.

Parents of middle school students could get a rude awakening in the fall if they don't get their child's immunizations started now. The Advisory Committee On Immunization Practices of the U.S. Public Health Services says Palm Beach County students entering seventh grade will be required to have completed the hepatitis B vaccination series, a second measles vaccination (preferably MMR) and a tetanus-diphtheria booster (TD) before entering school in the fall.

June 19 - The City of South Bay has big plans for the 178-acre tract of land they purchased two years ago from the State of Florida. South Bay City Manager Michael Jackson says they have three or four strong possibilities for businesses moving into the 135-acre Park of Commerce which cost the city \$836,000 to purchase.

June 26 - Shirley Jarriel and husband, Wayne, are back at home in Pahokee after a June 13 accident which left Mrs. Jarriel with severe injuries and killed her mother, 85-year-old Ami Levins.

The American Red Cross, West County Service Center has stepped in to help a family left homeless after an electrical fire destroyed their mobile home early Saturday morning.

Belle Glade Fire Rescue responded to a call at the trailer owned by Sonia Burgess of Lot 6, 715 Mobile Home Park. They extinguished the fire, which did not spread to adjacent mobile homes, but the mobile home was completely destroyed.

July 3 - Braving the heat and humidity, over 250 people attended the grand opening of Glades Unity Plaza on Monday, June 30. Heralded as "a dream that is becoming a reality," the plaza will house many community projects all under the umbrella of the Glades Community Development Corporation.

Police say a fire left a mother and her two children homeless and may have been deliberately set. The fire occurred last Sunday, June 29 at the residence of Yakisha Warren, 24, of 2685 Glades Drive, in the Sugar Cane Villas complex. No one was home at the time of the fire, which completely destroyed the two bedroom apartment. Pahokee Fire Lt. Andre Perez said the fire is consid-

ered suspicious because it started in two different places at once.

July 10 - It's a coveted award and it was brought home to the Glades by Glades Central Track and Field Coach Jay Seider. Mr. Seider was named the National High School 1997 Girls Track and Field Coach of the Year at ceremonies held Friday, June 27 in Sioux City, South Dakota.

The West County Service Center of the American Red Cross has been kept busy the past few weeks helping families who have been displaced because of home fires. Lori Owne, director of public relations for the American Red Cross says they have responded to 10 fires in the West County area (Belle Glade, Pahokee, Clewiston, and La Belle since June 1, 1997).

July 17 - The South Florida Water Management District's latest calculation on water monitoring in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) shows farmers continue to exceed the 25 percent annual phosphorus reduction required by the Everglades Forever Act. The information shows that over the past three years, agriculture has achieved an average of 51 percent load reduction.

Brandon Blacker, 36, of Wellington, escaped serious injury when his crop dusting plane lost power and flipped over in a sugar cane field at Town Site Farm, owned by U.S. Sugar Corporation, about four miles southwest of Clewiston on July 7.

Mr. Blacker, employed by Air Corp Care Inc., of Belle Glade, said he took off flying south to north, to apply granular fertilizer, when his engine started running "rough".

July 24 - Four men accused of robbing Pahokee's Foodland store will not be getting out of jail anytime soon. Circuit Judge Karen Martin denied bail Saturday, July 19, to Pahokee residents George M. Baker, 21; Michael Henry Joseph, 22; Larry B. Key, 20; and Latier Demetrius Peete, 22.

Savannah Foods and Industries, Inc., a sugar refiner and distributor based in Savannah, Ga., and parent company of the Evercane Sugar Refinery in Clewiston, has announced an agreement to merge with Florida Crystals, Inc. which will comprise the Florida based sugar and related operations of Flo-Sun Incorporated.

July 31 - Belle Glade's current mayor, Steve Weeks and City Commissioner Rodney "Clay" Connell have filed to retain their seats on the city

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Your patronage has made it a successful year for us.
Many thanks to our friends and customers!
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commission. Newcomer D. Bill Mathis has filed for the seat currently held by Crate "Happy Tucker."

Qualifying for the three seats opened Friday, July 25. Weeks is bidding for his fifth term on the commission. He has been elected mayor by his fellow commissioners for the past four years. **August 7** - Florida Crystals, owned by the Fanjul family who also own Okeelanta and Osceola Sugar mills and a cogeneration plant in the area, has introduced a new organic sugar product. Florida Crystals Organic Sugar becomes the first certified organic sugar produced in the United States.

August 14 - Three more candidates have stepped forward to seek a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission.

Calvin Lamb, Lisa Brown and Lester Finney all filed before the deadline Friday, Aug. 8.

A Pahokee teenager was shot and killed after he got in the crossfire between two men on Aug. 6.

Det. Mike Finnannon with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department said Brian Bell was shot in the chest in the 800 block of Padgett Circle at approximately 5:30 p.m. He was taken by Trauma Hawk to St. Mary's Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

August 21 - A 19-year-old Pahokee woman died Monday morning about 10:30 a.m. when the car she was riding in flipped into a canal on Hattion Highway, about 10 miles east of Belle Glade.

Tara Frost was a passenger in the car driven by Early Reddick Jr. when the 1987 Mercury veered off the road onto the east shoulder, then crossed the highway into the west shoulder of the road and flipped into a canal.

Good news for residents in Belle Glade looking at their home as an investment - your home value may have gone up by as much as 3.98 percent. The bad news is - you'll pay higher taxes on your home even though the city is not raising the proposed millage rate. The increase depends upon how the property appraiser's office values your home.

August 28 - After being on the run for two and one-half years, convicted murderer Juan Jesus Fleitas is again behind bars.

Fleitas, one of six inmates who escaped from Glades Correctional Institution in January of 1995, was arrested by Mexican authorities in the Yucatan region following a home invasion robbery.

In what Corps of Engineers officials describe as a "win-win" situation for the Corps, the gov-

ernment, prison industries, and a new logging technology, the Corps of Engineers has entered into a volunteer agreement with Future American Corporation and the Department of Corrections to remove Australian Pines, Melaleuca and Brazilian Pepper from the levee from Clewiston to Pahokee.

September 4 - Volunteers from the United Way of Palm Beach County will kick off the 1997-98 campaign with a "Day of Caring" on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hundreds of volunteers will be working to "make a difference" at three sites in the Belle Glade and Pahokee area at Building Blocks, NOAH Development Corporation, WeeCare, Inc. and The School of CHOICE. With paintbrushes, shovels and wheelbarrows in hand, volunteers will paint walls, plant shrubbery, and perform general cleaning in order to beautify the premises.

September 11 - Steve Weeks squeaked by his opponent to earn another two year term on the city commission. Bill Mathis beat out Lester Finney to serve his first term. Clay Connell was in a runoff with Mary Ross Wilkerson.

Residents were just beginning to get warnings about the mosquito carrying the St. Louis Encephalitis virus.

September 18 - Good news for residents of the city of Belle Glade - housing values have gone up by as much as 3.98 percent.

Glades Glen Youth Enrichment Academy at the Glades Glen housing center in Belle Glade was awarded a grant for \$54,536.

September 25 - Belle Glade police found the body of a Belle Glade woman who had been missing for almost three weeks. Jennifer McCloud, 32, had been shot several times in the head.

The Joseph L. Hatton and Robert C. Hatton families was named Western palm Beach County's "Farm Family of the Year" at the annual Farm Bureau Banquet.

October 2 - Fires that started in the kitchen damaged two Belle Glade homes last weekend.

A fire broke out at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26 at a home located at 148 S.E. 6th Street North. Residents Charles Nelson, 39, Shana Benjamin, 27 and two children were home at the time. No one was injured in the blaze.

Belle Glade Fire Rescue responded to a kitchen fire at 6 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at the home of Jean Therriassant of 401 S.W. 3rd Street. The home was occupied by two adults and two children. No one was injured in the fire.

October 9 - Police were looking for a man who stabbed a 23-year-old college intern three times

before fleeing Gove Elementary School.

A public forum was held in Pahokee to discuss moving the city's fire station. Some residents were concerned about response time and railroad tracks between the new location and the main section of the city.

October 16 - A Belle Glade couple and their children were burned out of their house when an electrical socket in their living room caught fire around 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9.

The home of Edgar and Olga Pettithome of 5508 N.W. 17th Street sustained major damage in the blaze, according to Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice.

South Bay's second annual Bayfest will be bigger and better this year, says Bayfest Chairman Miranda Smith.

Miss Smith invites residents around the lake to come out Saturday, Oct. 25 to enjoy a wide variety of ethnic foods and cultural activities from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Tanner Park, located in the city on SR 80.

October 23 - Former Glades Day School Headmaster Buddy Sizemore was named "Citizen of the Year" at the 33rd Annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Tuesday night.

Mr. Sizemore, 53, was given a standing ovation by a crowd of over 200 Glades residents as he made his way to the podium to accept his award.

A 66-year-old Belle Glade man is out of the hospital after being diagnosed with St. Louis Encephalitis on Friday, Oct. 17.

"The man, whose name has not been released, is the first confirmed case of the virus in Palm Beach County."

October 30 - A tiny mosquito has done more to scare children anticipating Halloween trick-or-treating than any ghosts or goblins could dream of doing.

Children will be shortchanged on trick-or-treating this year because the St. Louis Encephalitis scare has prompted officials to ask parents to curtail Halloween activities after dark on Friday, Oct. 31.

McDonald's and BellSouth have joined with the Belle Glade Police Department to launch a "Community Work Station" at the McDonald's restaurant located at 833 South Main Street, Belle Glade.

November 6 - Director of Public Safety and Police Chief Danny Jones has been on board at South Bay for about five months now. During that time, he's had some tough decisions to make. One was closing the station in the

evening hours and contracting with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department substation in Belle Glade to handle incoming calls.

So many students and teachers responded to a blood drive Monday for Dilasha Thomas that over 20 had to be turned away by a team of Red Cross workers who couldn't get to everyone before the school day ended.

November 13 - A light in the darkness opened in Belle Glade with the opening of Light House Cafe. The cafe, manned by many churches, will feed and clothe the poor in the Glades.

Everglades Regional Medical Center celebrated their recently constructed helipad site with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

November 20 - Although the weather is cooler and the ban on nighttime activities has been lifted, due to St. Louis Encephalitis, residents in the Glades are urged to continue to use caution when outdoors. Sentinel chickens in Canal Point are still testing positive, according to the Palm Beach County Health Department.

Officials with the department say mosquito control in the county says trap collections throughout the county continue to decline, but a probable human case of SLE disease was reported in a resident who lives in southern Palm Beach County.

November 27 - Police are asking for volunteers to help find the body of a sky diver whose parachute didn't open Nov. 19 while he was sky diving with a friend near the Palm Beach County Glades Airport.

Omar Lozada, 26, of Venezuela, was sky diving with his friend, Victor Covone of Miami. Covone told police Lozada collided with him just after they jumped from the plane that Wednesday afternoon.

The second annual Gladesfest will be held Dec. 6 and 7 in downtown Belle Glade on West Ave. A.

The Downtown Merchants Association is sponsoring the event again this year and Chairman Yolanda Hasan says it will be a bigger and better event.

December 4 - Volunteers gathered Friday, Nov. 28 to help find the body of a sky diver missing since Nov. 20. Volunteer Tony Combs found the body of Omar Lozada, 26, in a sugar cane field near the Palm Beach County Glades Airport just before noon.

A second sky diver has died after a mid-air collision just one week after another similar

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Happy New Year May your holidays be full of 24-karat memories



Mario Gutierrez



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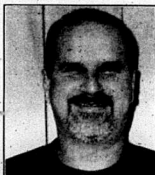
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Glades Central High Schools All A's Honor Roll students - (back row) Johnny Terry, Percy Napier, Lindsay Bennett, Paul Small, Lucritia Jackson, Sharonda Rush, (next row) Shetiqua Davis, Javatis Midget, Sandy-Ann Dunkley, Leticia Clark, Shanique Scott, (next row) Charmaine Henry, Steven Brown, Samuel African, Jessica Moore, (front row) Renaud Nunez, Osvaldo del Real, Kicia Knowles, Curneishia Bryant, Agnes Lopez, Rickeisha Tillman, Brian Mincey, and Kerlhande Rosius. All other Honor Roll students will be announced in next weeks edition of *The Sun*.

Distinguished Men of the Glades

On November 29, the Distinguished Men of the Glades Banquet was held at the Municipal Center. This gala affair was sponsored by Mu Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. The honorees and guests were entertained with gospel music by "Soft Notes Entertainment." The mistress of ceremony was Mrs. Harma Miller. Greeting and occasion by Sharon Brown. Invocation by Rev. Percy Bass.

Carla Kendall sang "The Wind Beneath My Wing." Joann Bass introduced Harvey Fole, Jr., the presenter of the 1997 Distinguished Men of the Glades presented each gentleman with a

medallion and was honored for their outstanding civic, community, church, school and unsung hero accomplishments.

Sharon Brown, gave a tribute to the honoree. Then Harva Miller dedicated and sang "Hero" to the honorees. Mildred Ross, presented Frederick Bass and Cornelius Foster with roses for outstanding work in the community. Lawner Cross gave acknowledgements. A special thanks went to Javonne Morris William, Twenty Pearls and to those who helped make this program a success.

From the sister of Mu Rho Omega Chapter, our hats go off to chair-person Lawner Cross.



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Turkey bandits beware: wildlife alert funds get boost

Two of Florida's conservation organizations have joined forces to enhance protection of wild turkeys from illegal harvest. The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's (GFC) executive director, Dr. Allan L. Egbert, announced the joint effort.

"The Wildlife Alert Reward Association and the Florida Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (FCNWT) will pool reward fund moneys to 'up the ante' for those reporting turkey violations," Egbert said.

Under the agreement, the FCNWT will provide up to a \$500 reward in addition to the

\$250 reward paid by Wildlife Alert to callers whose information results in an arrest. Court convictions of violators are not necessary to qualify for rewards.

The Commission expects the new reward addition to get some serious attention from would-be turkey-hunting violators.

According to GFC records, Wildlife Alert has paid out \$1,000 in turkey rewards over the past 10 months. The FCNWT has paid out an equal amount, and donated \$1,250 to the Wildlife Alert Reward Association over the past two years.

GFC shuts down commercial wildlife operation

Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) wildlife officers shut down an illegal commercial wildlife operation in LaBelle. The officers filed 40 charges, 14 felony and 26 misdemeanor, against 9 individuals from the Hendry County area. The year long investigation began in July 1996 when a confidential source alerted GFC investigators in the agency's Everglades Region. Wildlife Investigator, Capt. Steven Blissett, gave the information he received in July special consideration because law enforce-

ment officers had arrested one of the suspects the previous year for the illegal purchase of a deer.

"Two wildlife officers, working undercover, reported activities of the highly organized illegal wildlife marketing operation. The GFC officers worked and lived with the buyers for a year, gathering evidence and learning the operation," said Col. Robert Edwards, director of GFC's Division of Law Enforcement. "These tight-knit groups are very cautious in who they deal with and it is difficult to gain

access."

The officers discovered that the suspects purchased Florida wildlife from poachers who hunt on privately owned and corporate lands. On the main suspect's property, the officers found meat processing area with five freezers, containing illegally taken venison and domestic livestock.

One of the suspects, a native of Trinidad, sold the meat in New York. The buyers transported the meat in custom-made boxes using pickup trucks. One load contained approximately 2,000 pounds of meat

including four deer and five wild turkeys.

Selling Florida wildlife on an interstate level requires GFC law enforcement personnel to work closely with authorities from New York.

"Our officers conducted a thorough investigation, enabling them to stop the illegal operation." The Game and Fish Commission appreciates the spirit of cooperation and professionalism of the other law enforcement agencies who worked with us to shut down this illegal traffic in Florida's wildlife," Edwards said.

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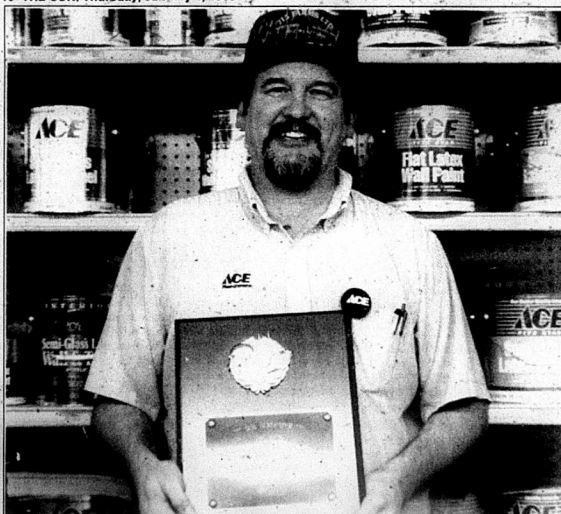
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BELLE GLADE ROTARY Club members learned about the programs and educational opportunities at West Technical Education Center recently. Shown is newly installed Rotary Club member Gene Faile, CEO at Glades General Hospital, Shirley Maxson, Director at West Tech, and club member Craig Hartzog
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Rep. Mark Foley calls for a new and simplified United States Tax Code

Saying the U.S. Tax Code is much too large and complex for average Americans to properly prepare their tax returns, Rep. Mark Foley (R-FL) is asking for a total restructuring of the U.S. Tax Code.

During a news conference outside the IRS offices in West Palm Beach on Nov. 21, the Florida congressman said it's time to simplify.

"Our entire tax code is predicated on the notion of volun-

tary compliance, but there is no way that the average taxpayer could properly read or understand - much less comply with - the U.S. Tax Code when you consider that it comprises about 17,000 pages including all tax regulations," Rep. Foley said. "The sheer volume alone - not to mention the arcane rules and endless special interest loopholes - makes simplification and restructuring of the U.S. Tax Code a necessity."

Rep. Foley is co-sponsor of a bill that would eliminate the current U.S. Tax Code, excluding Medicare and Social Security provisions.

"My co-sponsorship of this legislation, which would terminate the Federal Tax Code of 1986 after December 31, 2001, is intended to put pressure on Congress to finally simplify and restructure our nation's tax laws," Rep. Foley explained. "The bill - if passed -

would require that any new federal tax system be simple and fair." Rep. Foley says that in crafting a new U.S. Tax Code, it should reflect these four basic principles:

1. **Simplicity:** let taxpayers file a single simplified tax form.

2. **Fairness:** Restore fairness to our tax laws by ending, once and for all, special interest loopholes, and taxing income at a lower rate.

3. **Protect Social Security:** Help elderly and those living on fixed incomes.

4. **Pro-growth:** Create a tax code that doesn't penalize taxpayers for saving and investing their money.

"Currently, there are a number of proposals being considered in Congress - including a Flat Tax, a National Sales Tax, as well as modification of the current tax code - and I am examining the merits of each,

and will support legislation based on how well they reflect these four basic principles," Rep. Foley said. "I will seek public input on all these proposals in order to determine which will best serve our future interests, but making certain that we meet our financial responsibilities to the elderly and less fortunate while restraining the size of the tax bite for average working people."



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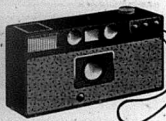
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His was one of the first faces you would see if you walked into the Bank of Belle Glade. Now, after almost 20 years as the first vice president of the bank, Lenwood Fuller, 62, is retiring. Dec. 30 was his last day on the job.



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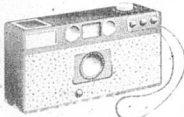
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